

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
WACO DIVISION**

AK MEETING IP LLC,)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	Civil Action No. 6:22-cv-00247
v.)	
)	
ADOBE INC.,)	
Defendant.)	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
)	

PLAINTIFF’S ORIGINAL COMPLAINT

Plaintiff AK Meeting IP LLC (“AK Meeting”) files this Original Complaint and demand for jury trial seeking relief from patent infringement of the claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 10,180,765 (“the ‘765 patent”), 10,963,124 (“the ‘124 patent”), and 8,627,211 (“the ‘211 patent”) (collectively referred to as the “Patents-in-Suit”) by Adobe Inc. (“Defendant” or “Adobe”).

I. THE PARTIES

1. AK Meeting is a Texas limited liability corporation with its principal place of business located at 5900 Balcones Drive, Suite 100, Austin, Texas 78731.

2. On information and belief, Defendant Adobe Inc., formerly called Adobe Systems Inc., is a corporation existing under the laws of the Delaware, with a regular and established place of business located at 11501 Domain Drive, Suite 110, Austin, TX 78758. On information and belief, Defendant sells and offers to sell products and services throughout Texas, including in this judicial district, and introduces products and services that perform infringing methods or processes into the stream of commerce knowing that they would be sold in Texas and this judicial district.

Defendant may be served through its registered agent, Corporation Service Company, DBA CSC, 211 E. 7th Street, Suite 620, Austin, TX 78701-3218 or anywhere they may be found.

II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. This Court has original subject-matter jurisdiction over the entire action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a) because Plaintiff's claim arises under an Act of Congress relating to patents, namely, 35 U.S.C. § 271.

4. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because: (i) Defendant is present within or has minimum contacts within the State of Texas and this judicial district; (ii) Defendant has purposefully availed itself of the privileges of conducting business in the State of Texas and in this judicial district; and (iii) Plaintiff's cause of action arises directly from Defendant's business contacts and other activities in the State of Texas and in this judicial district.

5. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and 1400(b). Defendant has committed acts of infringement and has a regular and established place of business in this District. Further, venue is proper because Defendant conducts substantial business in this forum, directly or through intermediaries, including: (i) at least a portion of the infringements alleged herein; and (ii) regularly doing or soliciting business, engaging in other persistent courses of conduct and/or deriving substantial revenue from goods and services provided to individuals in Texas and this District.

III. INFRINGEMENT

A. Infringement of the '765 Patent

6. On January 15, 2019, U.S. Patent No. 10,180,765 (“the ‘765 patent”, included as an attachment) entitled “Multi-Party Collaboration Over a Computer Network” was duly and legally issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Plaintiff owns the ‘765 patent by assignment.

7. The ‘765 patent relates to novel and improved methods for supporting multi-party collaboration over a computer network.

8. Defendant maintains, operates, and administers methods for supporting multi-party collaboration over a computer network that infringe one or more of claims 1-11 of the ‘765 patent, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Defendant put the inventions claimed by the ‘765 patent into service (i.e., used them); but for Defendant’s actions, the claimed-inventions embodiments involving Defendant’s products and services would never have been put into service. Defendant’s acts complained of herein caused those claimed-invention embodiments as a whole to perform, and Defendant’s procurement of monetary and commercial benefit from it.

9. Support for the allegations of infringement using exemplary claim 1 may be found in the following preliminary table included as Exhibit A. These allegations of infringement are preliminary and are therefore subject to change.

10. Defendant has and continues to induce infringement. Defendant has actively encouraged or instructed others (e.g., its customers and/or the customers of its related companies), and continues to do so, on how to use its products and services (e.g., methods for supporting multi-party collaboration over a computer network) such as to cause infringement of one or more of claims 1-11 of the ‘765 patent, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Moreover, Defendant

has known of the ‘765 patent and the technology underlying it from at least the filing date of the lawsuit.¹ For clarity, direct infringement is previously alleged in this complaint.

11. Defendant has and continues to contributorily infringe. Defendant has actively encouraged or instructed others (e.g., its customers and/or the customers of its related companies), and continues to do so, on how to use its products and services (e.g., methods for supporting multi-party collaboration over a computer network) and related services such as to cause infringement of one or more of claims 1-11 of the ‘765 patent, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Further, there are no substantial noninfringing uses for Defendant’s products and services. Moreover, Defendant has known of the ‘765 patent and the technology underlying it from at least the filing date of the lawsuit.² For clarity, direct infringement is previously alleged in this complaint.

12. Defendant has caused and will continue to cause Plaintiff damage by direct and indirect infringement of (including inducing infringement of) the claims of the ‘765 patent.

B. Infringement of the ‘124 Patent

13. On March 30, 2021, U.S. Patent No. 10,963,124 (“the ‘124 patent”, included as an attachment) entitled “Sharing Content Produced By A Plurality Of Client Computers In Communication With A Server” was duly and legally issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Plaintiff owns the ‘124 patent by assignment.

14. The ‘124 patent relates to novel and improved method for sharing content produced by a plurality of client computers over a computer network.

¹ Plaintiff reserves the right to amend if discovery reveals an earlier date of knowledge.

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15. Defendant maintains, operates, and administers methods for sharing content produced by a plurality of client computers over a computer network that infringe one or more of claims 1-14 of the '124 patent, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Defendant put the inventions claimed by the '124 Patent into service (i.e., used them); but for Defendant's actions, the claimed-inventions embodiments involving Defendant's products and services would never have been put into service. Defendant's acts complained of herein caused those claimed-invention embodiments as a whole to perform, and Defendant's procurement of monetary and commercial benefit from it.

16. Support for the allegations of infringement using exemplary claim 1 may be found in the following preliminary table included as Exhibit B. These allegations of infringement are preliminary and are therefore subject to change.

17. Defendant has and continues to induce infringement. Defendant has actively encouraged or instructed others (e.g., its customers and/or the customers of its related companies), and continues to do so, on how to use its products and services (e.g., sharing content produced by a plurality of client computers over a computer network) such as to cause infringement of one or more of claims 1-14 of the '124 patent, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Moreover, Defendant has known of the '124 patent and the technology underlying it from at least the filing date of the lawsuit.³ For clarity, direct infringement is previously alleged in this complaint.

18. Defendant has and continues to contributorily infringe. Defendant has actively encouraged or instructed others (e.g., its customers and/or the customers of its related companies), and continues to do so, on how to use its products and services (e.g., sharing content produced by a plurality of client computers over a computer network) and related services such as to cause

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infringement of one or more of claims 1-14 of the '124 patent, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Further, there are no substantial noninfringing uses for Defendant's products and services. Moreover, Defendant has known of the '124 patent and the technology underlying it from at least the filing date of the lawsuit.⁴ For clarity, direct infringement is previously alleged in this complaint.

19. Defendant has caused and will continue to cause Plaintiff damage by direct and indirect infringement of (including inducing infringement of) the claims of the '124 patent.

C. Infringement of the '211 Patent

20. On January 7, 2014, U.S. Patent No. 8,627,211 ("the '211 patent", included as an attachment) entitled "Method, Apparatus, System, Medium, and Signals for Supporting Pointer Display In A Multi-Party Communication" was duly and legally issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Plaintiff owns the '211 patent by assignment.

21. The '211 patent relates to novel and improved systems, apparatus, and methods for supporting multi-party communications between client computers in a computer network.

22. Defendant maintains, operates, and administers systems, apparatus, and methods for multi-party communications between client computers in a computer network that infringe one or more of claims 1-150 of the '211 patent, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Defendant put the inventions claimed by the '211 Patent into service (i.e., used them); but for Defendant's actions, the claimed-inventions embodiments involving Defendant's products and services would never have been put into service. Defendant's acts complained of herein caused those claimed-invention

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embodiments as a whole to perform, and Defendant's procurement of monetary and commercial benefit from it.

23. Support for the allegations of infringement using exemplary claim 1 may be found in the following preliminary table included as Exhibit C. These allegations of infringement are preliminary and are therefore subject to change.

24. Defendant has and continues to induce infringement. Defendant has actively encouraged or instructed others (e.g., its customers and/or the customers of its related companies), and continues to do so, on how to use its products and services (e.g., supporting multi-party communications between client computers in a computer network) such as to cause infringement of one or more of claims 1-150 of the '211 patent, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Moreover, Defendant has known of the '211 patent and the technology underlying it from at least the filing date of the lawsuit.⁵ For clarity, direct infringement is previously alleged in this complaint.

25. Defendant has and continues to contributorily infringe. Defendant has actively encouraged or instructed others (e.g., its customers and/or the customers of its related companies), and continues to do so, on how to use its products and services (e.g., supporting multi-party communications between client computers in a computer network) and related services such as to cause infringement of one or more of claims 1-150 of the '211 patent, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Further, there are no substantial noninfringing uses for Defendant's products and services. Moreover, Defendant has known of the '211 patent and the technology underlying it

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from at least the filing date of the lawsuit.⁶ For clarity, direct infringement is previously alleged in this complaint.

26. Defendant has caused and will continue to cause Plaintiff damage by direct and indirect infringement of (including inducing infringement of) the claims of the '211 patent.

IV. JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff hereby requests a trial by jury on issues so triable by right.

V. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for relief as follows:

- a. enter judgment that Defendant has infringed the claims of the '765, '124, and '211 patents;
- b. award Plaintiff damages in an amount sufficient to compensate it for Defendant's infringement, in an amount no less than a reasonable royalty or lost profits, together with pre-judgment and post-judgment interest and costs under 35 U.S.C. § 284;
- c. award Plaintiff an accounting for acts of infringement not presented at trial and an award by the Court of additional damage for any such acts of infringement;
- d. declare this case to be "exceptional" under 35 U.S.C. § 285 and award Plaintiff its attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs incurred in this action;
- e. declare Defendant's infringement to be willful and treble the damages, including attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs incurred in this action and an increase in the damage award pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284;
- f. a decree addressing future infringement that either (i) awards a permanent injunction enjoining Defendant and its agents, servants, employees, affiliates, divisions, and

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subsidiaries, and those in association with Defendant from infringing the claims of the Patents-in-Suit, or (ii) awards damages for future infringement in lieu of an injunction in an amount consistent with the fact that for future infringement the Defendant will be an adjudicated infringer of a valid patent, and trebles that amount in view of the fact that the future infringement will be willful as a matter of law; and,

g. award Plaintiff such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

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Respectfully submitted,

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